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# Berlin Predicts Italy's Entry Into

# War Early Next Month ATTACK SWEDEN IMMINENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERNE, TO-DAY. REPORTS FROM BERLIN STATE THAT WILD RUMOURS HAVE SPREAD AMONG THE GERMAN POPULATION THAT THE HIGH COMMAND IS PREPARING ANOTHER "CONQUEST" WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

Diplomatic circles in the Nazi capital believe an invasion of Sweden is imminent, perhaps at the end of April, with the full consent of Italy, whose entry into the war is expected in the early part of May.

Meanwhile, considerable importance is attached to the concentrations of German troops in Memel, and opposite Sweden, and the fact that several classes, including some specialists aged 50, have been mobilised.

The Reich is apparently prepared to satisfy Italian claims in the Balkans without consideration for Soviet feelings.

The Soviet attitude towards the Reich has somewhat disappointed the Nazi leaders lately; German industrialists complain of Russia's failure to deliver important orders of Soviet goods which were promised by April 1. while the fact that neither Stalin nor Molotov congratulated Hitler on his birthday also assumes some significance.-Havas.

#### German Troops Aiready In Transports

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. Military circles confirm the report that numerous German troops have embarked on a fleet of transports in the German Baltic ports.

The transports are accompanied by many icebreakers.

Concentration of these ships opposite Sweden may be interpreted as a menace to this country but may also serve only for the transport of troops trying to reinforce the German expeditionary forces in the Oslo region.

In the latter case, however, it is difficult to understand why these embarkations were effected from the Danish Straits -- Havas

#### Iron Ore Dominates (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. With the iron ore issue dominating OUTPUT SINCE THE WAR the whole Scandinavian affair, the Germans are apparently determined engaged in armaments work, have to invade Sweden and gain control of the Swedish iron deposits and the Swedish port of Lulea as soon as the M. Dautry affirmed that the produc-Gulf of Bothnia is ice-free, local Swe- Ition of war industries "will permit us dish quarters state,

They add that the Germans will try to occupy the Asland Islands, probably at the end of May, when the Gulf of Bothnia is entirely freefrom Ice.

Occupation of the Aaland Islands would serve two aims:-

Firstly, to secure a direct threat against Sweden and obtain deliveries of Iron ore, and,

Secondly, to build air bases intended to protect German ships carrying iron ore against Allied attacks.

Occupation of the Aaland Islands, which belong to Finland, might incite the Soviet to give some encouragement to Helsinki, since the islands are situated at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, now within the Russian sphere of influence.-Havas.

# FRENCH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE ARMAMENTS MINISTER, M. RAOUL DAUTRY, SPEAKING BE-FORE THE ARMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEES OF THE CHAMBER YESTERDAY, OUTLINED THE TRE-MENDOUS INCREASE IN ARMS

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# \$1,000,000 FIRE AT TSINGTAO

Tsingtao, To-day. The largest conflagration here for many years occurred yesterday in the yard of the China Export Lumber Co.,

The fire started in the early hours of the morning in the mill, allegedly through the blowing of a fuse.

The flames spread rapidly to adjacent outbuildings and a large stock of lumber in the yard.

The mill was completely burned down and while the fire in the lumber yard is still continuing it is under control.

No-one was injured but the losses are estimated at over \$1,000,000.-Reuter.

### GERMANY INTENDS TO DECLARE WAR!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Berne, To-day.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten," following the participation of a Norwegian representative at the Allied Supreme War Council, the German Government intends to put an end to the fictitious state of peace between Germany and Norway by a declaration of war.—Havas.

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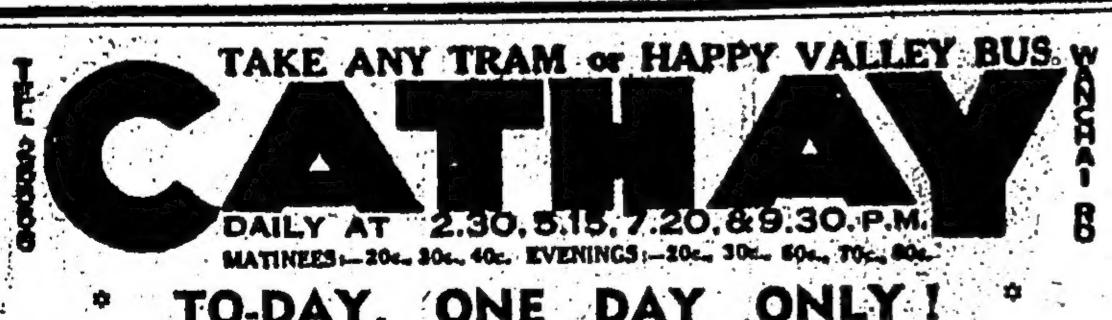
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# ENOUGH, DECLARE OPPOSITION

LONDON, TO-DAY. MR. PETHICK LAWRENCE YESTERDAY OPENED THE COMMONS DEBATE ON THE BUDGET FOR THE OPPOSITION.

Commenting on the burden of taxation and the manner in which the demands of the War Budget have been met he said: "The longer l live the greater grows my admiration of British people who uphold a tradition that extends for many centuries and holds a forefront place

in the whole world." Mr. Pethick Lawrence pointed out the problem confronting the country was how to turn a peace economy into a war economy.

"Unless," he said, "great sacrifices are made—sacrifices of the method of life of the great bulk of our population-we shall not be able give that support to the forces that are fighting our battles for freedom overseas which they ought to receive.

"We dare not for their sake, we FIVE-YEAR EDUCATION dare not for our sake, hold back the GRAMME DEALS WITH A MASS OF full measure of support which they 140,000,000 ILLITERATES, RANGING ought to have from us and there is FROM THE AGES OF 15 TO 45. a surer method than that of taxation for enabling what is to be carried through."

LABOUR RESOURCES

classes.

He reserved the attitude of the Labour Party to the proposed Sales Tax until the Government's intentions are clearer but indicated that it would be opposed if it proved an aggravation of the tendency he had already perceived to unequal distribution of taxes. He agreed that the direct taxation imposed in September was as high as was reasonable but as the war went on the habits of life and the whole structure of obvious truth is that Hitlerism is like society would tend to change and the time would come when more drastic taxes would have to be imposed.

LIBERAL ATTITUDE Mr. Graham White, for the Liberals, expressed doubts if the expenditure

Chancellor was sufficiently high. The Allies had an overwhelming superiority over Germany provided they mobilised their resources as rapidly as possible. The country would not be satisfied till that was done. He feared the Budget was not realistic. and did not take sufficient account of the fact that they were waging a totalitarian war.

Life was harder in Germany, France and Holland than it was in Britain.

They could not in safety or honour be satisfied unless they were making sacrifices equal to those of their Allies.

Mr. White also reserved the attitude of the Liberals to the Sales Tax. The debate continues.—British Wireless.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") CHUNGKING, TO-DAY. STATISTICS OF THE MINISTRY

OF EDUCATION REVEAL THE PRO-

The mass education programme deals exclusively with them while illiterate children are taught in regular primary schools.

He criticised failure of Government | The statistics show that out of a yet to obtain the full employment of total of 450,000,000, 360,000,000 are the nation's labour resources and in- illiterates. From this number must be sisted on the necessity of observing deducted 40,000,000 children below six, equality of sacrifice between all 45,000,000 between the ages of six to 12, 80,000,000 whose ages are above 45 and about 1,500,000 dumb, deaf, crippled and insane.—Havas.

New York, To-day. The "World-Telegram" declares: "The Bolshevism, a revolution against capitalism, against possessions and against the very life of all nations, which like this one, prefer democracy and freedom.

"The British and French are fighting of £2,667,000,000 estimated by the for the same things that Americans would fight for." - Reuter.

#### SWEDEN ISSUES BIG DEFENCE LOAN

Stockholm, To-day. It is announced that Sweden is floating a 500,000,000 kroner (about £30,-000,000) defence loan bearing interest at 4 per cent. and redeemable in five years.—Reuter.

#### D.E.I. SURVEILLANCE OF FOREIGNERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA" MAIL")

Batavia, To-day. The Netherlands\_East Indies is to increase its measures of surveillance on foreigners here.—Havas.



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# JAPAU AUD NAVAL STRAFEGY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY. EXTENSION OF THE CRUISING RADIUS OF THE AMERICAN FLEET IS THE MAIN CONCERN OF THE JAPANESE NAVAL AUTHORITIES, AC-CORDING TO MASANORI ITO, FOREMOST JA-PANESE NAVAL CRITIC, WRITING IN THE "JA-PAN CHRONICLE."

Mr. Ito stressed that all new American warships are designed with a view to extending their cruising radius, envisaging operations far from their bases.

The American naval building plan, he says, thus appears to be based on offensive operations in waters thousands of miles from America, and the western Pacific is evidently regarded by the U.S. Navy as "the scene of a RED CROSS hypothetical battle."

Mr. Ito reveals nothing about the new Japanese warships, although he strongly emphasises that their armament has been strengthened at the expense of cruising range.

This, he says, testifies that Japanese strategy "aims at defensive operations. in the western Pacific, without the intention to carry naval warfare across the Pacific."—Havas.

# EUROPEANS BITEN

Two Europeans were bitten by dogs yesterday.

Mrs. R. Cryan, of No. 5, Leighton Hill Road, was bitten by a dog belonging to Mr. D. E. Davies. Mrs. Cryan was treated by Dr. Bunje while the dog was removed to Kennedy Town next year is needed for the ten docfor observation.

Mr. Warburton was bitten by a dog belonging to Mrs. W. Stoneham in Nathan Road: He was treated at the Kowloon Hospital and the dog was sent to Mataukok for observation.

#### TROMSOE CARRIES ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day. Contrary to German information announcing the destruction of Radio Tromso, the station was heard distinctly last night announcing the landing of British and French troops and asking the Norwegian population to ex-

# APPEAL FOR OF CHINA

THE FOREIGN AUXILIARY THE NATIONAL RED CROSS SO-CIETY OF CHINA IS TO-DAY LAUNCHING AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS: TO SUPPORT A GROUP OF FOREIGN DOCTORS WHOSE AID TO CHINA'S MEDICAL SERVICES HAS HITHERTO BEEN FINANCED RELIEF BY THE NORWEGIAN COMMITTEE.

Now that war has spread to Scandinavia, says the appeal, "we can only be grateful for what Norway has already done and seek elsewhere for funds to continue the support of the doctors," whose services were accepted on the understanding that their salaries (only £7.10.0d. monthly) should be paid from abroad.

A total of \$14,400 to cover the tors who came to China under the auspices and guarantee of the Norwegians.

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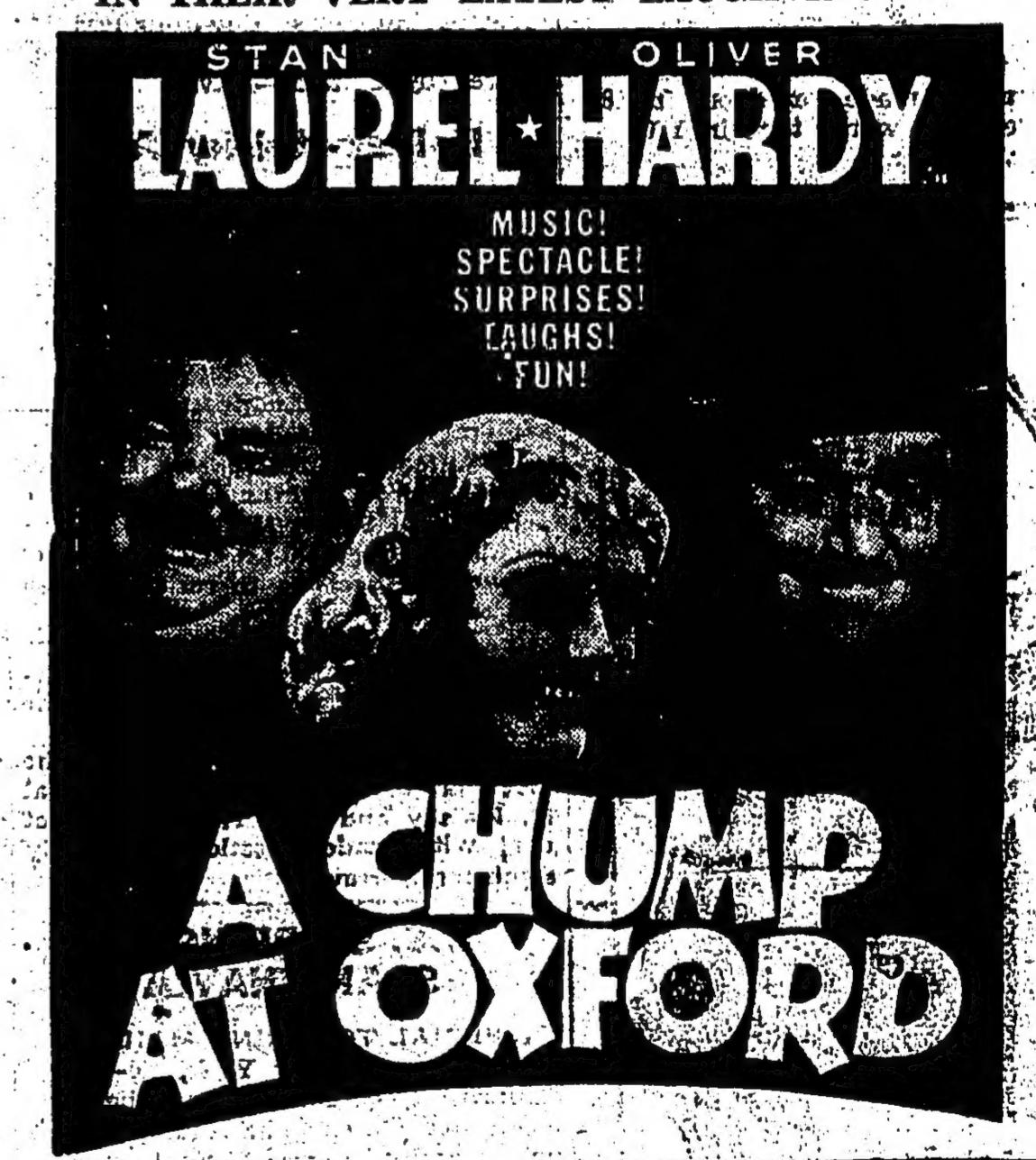
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# ANGLO-SOVIET TALKS

Maisky's Initiatives In London Significant

# Nazi Push In Scandinavia Upsets Moscow

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") London, To-day.

CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE is attributed to the talk between M. Ivan Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, and Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax, since further indications lead to the belief that M. Maisky tried to give Britain a more definite impression of "Soviet neutrality."

The German push in Scandinavia has highly displeased Russia, since a German victory in northern Europe would mean a threat to Soviet communications towards the Atlantic and North Sea.

### TETRAZZINI ILL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Milan, To-day.

Luisa Tetrazzini, the world-famous opera singer, is reported to be critically ill.

She is suffering from a stroke. Tetrazzini made her debut in 1895 and her first world tour in 1905. -Reuter.

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Hence the Soviet approval of the Swedish refusal to allow the passage of German troops and war material to Norway.

Despite Soviet opposition to German expansion in Scandinavia, the conclusion of an Anglo-Soviet trade agreement immediately is improbable, its view of Moscow's unwillingness to curtail her trade with Germany, as desired by Britain.—Havas.

#### Halifax-Maisky Talk

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. It is understood that Russia's disapproval of any Nazi aggression against Sweden was expressed by M. Ivan Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, during his talk with the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax.

M. Maisky is reported to have told Lord Halifax that Madame Kollentai, Soviet Minister in Stockholm, had given every support of Sweden's decision to resist German pressure.

M. Maisky is also reported to have stated that German expansion in Scandinavia would be contrary to the Soviet's interests.

The report is not confirmed but the fact that official quarters admit that M. Maisky and Lord Halifax did not deal with trade questions is highly significant.—Havas.

#### U.S. SHIPPING TO SCANDINAVIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day. Maritime communications between the United States and Scandinavia will be partially restored next month, when the Thorden Line will start a service between the U.S.A. and Petsamo.

Other companies will follow lead as soon as the present position of Scandinavian ships is cleared up. Havas.

# IN CHINA

(BRECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Shanghal, To-day

According to recent information the number of students in Chinese universities, colleges and technical schools has increased by 8,000 during the past three years.

About 35,000 were enrolled in 1936, the last normal year, dropping to 25,000 in 1987. By the end of March, 1940 the figure had increased to 4,000.

# SPAIN'S NEUTRALITY

London, To-day. British Government is convinced that Spain is determined to maintain her neutrality and the neutrality of her possessions," declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to the debate in the Commons yesterday on the Anglo-Spanish trade agreement.—Reu-

### BLACK-OUT OFFENCES

# EUROPEANS MISREAD THE RULES

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, several Europeans were fined for breach of Black-Out regulations.

Miss R. Vickers, of No. 355, The Peak, who was summoned for driving a car with lights on in Garden Road, said the street lights were on when she was stopped.

Sub-Inspector F. J. Clarke said the incident occurred at about 7.59 p.m. on April 11. A spot light was on which was not covered, the side and head lights were covered, but the head lights should never have been used at all.

A fine of \$10 was imposed. nell Road, was fined \$5 for a similar. offence.

Mr. C. L. Salter of No. 125, Robinson Road, was fined \$10.

Sergeant Sullivan sald defendant was driving a car in Caine Road at about 7.35 p.m. with head lights on covered with white handkerchiefs. Mr. H. G. Muir of the Imperial

Chemical Industries, was fined \$20. The lights on his car were not covered at all.

Defendant said that many houses had their lights on when he was stopped.

Capt. F. B. Minhinnick, of No. 2, Garden Terrace, was summoned for failing to notify his change of address, and breach of the Black Out regulations.

Inspector Clarke stopped defendant in Garden Road. The lights in the car were not in use but were not covered. His licence gave his address as Gloucester Hotel, but defendant had moved to No. 2, Garden Terrace on August 16 last year.

Defendant pleaded guilty through a representative, and was fined \$10 and

Mr. F. R. Marcal of No. 14, Fort Street, ground floor, was fined \$10. The lights of his car were covered with white paper.

Defendant said he had permission to use the paper at Central Police Station.

# IN I.C.I. EXPLOSION

London, To-day. Three mon were killed, 19 injured and many others slightly hurt as the result of an explosion in the imperial Chemical Works at Billingham-on-Tacs, Durham, yesterday.

An official statement by the firm says the damage to buildings and machinery was slight and terious interference with production was net expeoted .- Reuter.

# DECREES OF GOVERNOR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day. It is reported from Batavia that the Governor announced in the Volksraad that foreigners in the Netherlands East Indies are being more closely watched.

The N.E.L. Government is also investigating the question of aliens or naturalised Dutch holding positions in the Administration.

The editor of the Nazi paper "Helight" had received a severe warning. from the authorities.

The Governor added that all precautions had been taken to face an external or internal threat.—Havas.

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# Sir Walter Monckton Goes Back To M.I.

London, To-day.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN announced in the Commons yesterday that Sir Walter Monckton had been appointed Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Information.

He will also be an additional Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. The changes take effect immediately.

Mr. Chamberlain 'said that in the | Service departments. light of experience it had been decided that the Ministry of Information | Sir Walter Monckton's appointment should resume the functions at present performed by the Press and Censorship Bureau.

In order to strengthen the liaison between Service departments and the Ministry, and to ensure that the Ministry's point of view is adequately presented, the number of senior Service officers attached to the Ministry is being increased and representatives of graphic censorship, formerly under the the Ministry are being attached to War Office, was being transferred -British Wireless.

Mr. Chamberlain explained that as Deputy Under-Foreign Secretary was in order to provide the necessary collaboration between the foreign division of the Ministry, which was responsible for publicity in neutral countries, and the department of enemy propaganda under the Foreign Office.

The department of postal and tele-

#### INCH AND HALF OF RAIN LAST NIGHT

Over an inch and a half of rain were registered during the night at the Royal Observatory.

The total was 1.535 inches. The heaviest downpour occurred between 11 p.m. and midnight when 0.570 of an inch was registered.

forthwith to the Ministry of Information.—Reuter.

#### DEFENCE MATTERS

Mr. Chamberlain explained that each Department remained responsible for the issue of its own news and subject to the advice of the Ministry on general censorship policy. The Defence Departments would be responsible for censorship decisions in all matters where it was necessary to prevent information reaching the enemy

# YUGOSLAVIA CALLS MEN TO COLOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") London, To-day.

The Belgrade correspondent of the "Star" reports that a secret, partial mobilisation of the Yugo-Slavian Army is being carried out.

Three Divisions are said to have been sent to southern Serbia and Montenegro to counter a possible drive from Italy through Albania.

Plans have also been completed for the evacuation of the civilian population of Belgrade and the U.S. Consulate is siad to have warned American nationals to be ready to leave.-Havas.

#### WANCHAL TRAGEDY

A 13-year-old boy, Ho Chan-lam, was fatally injured in Wanchai yesterday. The lad died shortly after admission to the Tung Wah Hospital.

A man who is alleged to have assaulted him has been detained by the Police.



# DESTINY SWEDENS

Issue Large In Hitler's War Councils

# INTENSE NAZI ACTIVITY ON

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY. SWEDEN IS A PROMINENT SUBJECT IN THE WAR COUNCILS WHICH ARE HELD DAILY IN HIT-LER'S CHANCELLERY IN BERLIN, REUTER LEARNS, BUT IN THE OFFICIALLY INSPIRED NAZI PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SWE-DISH PRESS AND RADIO THERE IS NO INDICA-TION YET OF THE LINES ALONG

In reply to her protest of Tuesday, Sweden was yesterday TRANSFER politely but vaguely told that German planes had "not violated her neutrality on purpose."

Neutral circles observe that the have their work cut out to get anyquestion will be quietly shelved and where at all.—Havas. thus no explanation will be offered, even for the landing of two Nazi planes on the fortified island of Gotland, Stockholm's first line of defence from the sea, hundreds of miles from German or Norwegian territory.

Meanwhile it is rumoured that the Danish Island of Bornholm, from which Nazi planes could reach the Swedish naval base of Kariskrona in little more than 10 minutes flying time. is a hive of military and aerial activity.—Reuter.

#### If The Test Comes

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day. In spite of the large-scale military measures in the German Baltic ports in the past few days, which have not try is remaining calm.

If the test comes, Sweden will respond vigorously and effectively.

and Socialist parties have agreed on united action and any "Quislings" will into minesweepers.—Havas.

#### Official Protest

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day. The Swedish Minister in Berlin, Arvid Richert, called at the German Foreign Ministry yesterday to discuss the question of repeated violations of Swedish territory by German planes.

Nazi political quarters minimise the importance of the violations.—Havas.

#### German Ships Ordered From Stromstad

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day. The official Swedish news agency been reassuring to Sweden, the coun- says that coastguards yesterday ordered five German ships anchored off Stromstad, near the Norwegian border, to leave Swedish territorial wa-

The Swedish Liberal, Conservative The ships were former Norwegian whalers which the Nazis had turned

# PREMIER AND D.E.I.

London, To-day. Asked in the Commons yesterday if he would give an assurance that in the event of further aggression against neutral European states, the overseas possessions of such States would not be permitted to be used as base of enemy action, Mr. Chamberlain said "In the hypothetical circumstances referred to, such action would be taken as the interests of Allied security required."-Reuter.

# OF WAR

Goteborg, To-day. The "Morgenpost" says the Reuter. arrival of the English has greatly strengthened the morale of Norway and if the NAVAL Norwegians can resist for a short time, increasing Eng-lish forces could destroy the OFFICERS isolated Germans in the DECORATED north.

No doubt English planes, like German, will fly over Sweden, the paper says.

The belief that the English will stop at Norway's frontiers when they could, over Sweden, get a stranglehold for gallantry at sea were on the Nazi enemy, is only entertain- announced in the "Loned by those ignorant of why the war was brought to Norway.

We have been cut off by the German occupation of Norway and Denmark. If the English win in Norway D.S.C. for Sub-Lt. Edward Perry Rea, the barrier falls, but we must be prepared for the transfer of the war to Sweden.-Reuter.

# HITLER'S CHICANERY EXPOSED

New York, To-day. The "Minneapolis Journal" says that after the Great War, Norway, Sweden and Denmark came to the rescue by taking thousands of German children in their homes, feeding them bountifully and lodging them.

Some months before war broke out in 1939, the Hitler Government sponsored large-scale parties of young men who had spent part of their childhood in 1919 and 1920 in the Scandinavian countries on visits to their former hosts to renew the ties with them and also to brush up on the

language. The diabolical plot was not suspected by the trusting Scandinavians. -

London, To-day. A number of awards don Gazette" last night.

They include the D.S.O. for Lt-Comm. Hugh Percival Price and the both of H.M.S. Gleaner, for destroying an enemy submarine.

The O.B.E. is conferred on Lt-Comm. Michael Southcote Townsend and the M.B.E. on Acting Sub-Lt. Vernon John St. Clair-Ford, both of H.M.S. Viscount, for saving many lives at sea on the occasion of the enemy bombing of the B. I. steamer Domala in the English Channel.

The D.S.O. is awarded to Lt-Comm. Roy Berryman Edwards, of H.M.S. Watchful, for courage and skill in securing and stripping live enemy lines regardless of his own safety.— Reuter.

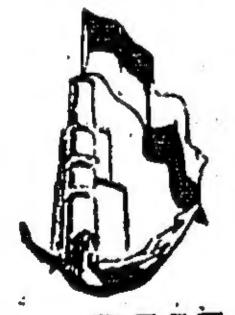
# NORWAY'S SIXTH DIVISION MOBILISED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Stockholm, To-day.

It is learned from Tromsoe that the military authorities have managed to mobilise the whole Norwegian 6th Division which is now operating in the north.

The morale of the Norwegian troops is excellent and they are co-operating fully with the Allies.

The civil administration at Tromsoc and Summark is functioning normally, . and the population is confident regarding the final issue of the wat Havas,



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London, To-day.

IT IS LEARNED THAT the Westerland aerodrome on the island of Sylt was subjected to almost con- dous task of the German railtinuous bombing for 100 minutes during Tuesday night's raid by the R.A.F. This was the first raid on this aerodrome, though other points on SHANGHAI Sylt had previously been bombed.

During the raid on Stavanger aerodrome, shortly before dawn, about 20 enemy aircraft were heavi- INCREASE ly bombed and a number are believed to have been destroyed or badly damaged.

with the already crater-pitted aerodrome surface and one raider, mak- | One hangar was hit several times ing a dive-bombing attack at a low and another is believed to have been level, released a heavy salvo which badly damaged by bombs which fell was seen to burst near the side of the main runway.

A strongly burning fire was reported by one of our returning raiders. At Christiansand the raiders

concentrated on runways and the aerodrome buildings. They evaded the barrage put up by the ground defences and registered many hits.

#### Two Planes Lost

Of the large force of aircraft employed on the night's widespread operations, two failed to return.

One aircraft detailed to attack Fornebu aerodrome, near Oslo, did not reach its objective as it sighted two enemy ships steaming north near the head of Oslo Fjord.

The R.A.F. plane dropped two salvos of bombs which burst close to the leading vessel and then descended to within 150 feet of the water and machinegunned the leading ship as it made for the shore.

The fourth successive attack on Aalborg, in Denmark, was made in perfect weather, there being a cloudless sky and a full moon.

### Aalborg Strengthened

For the first time no enemy aircraft were seen on the aerodrome but the powerful ground defences were alert and the raiders were met by a barrage of fire over the target area and by the persistent attentions of a ring of searchlights outside the aerodrome.

High-level bombing attacks were made and many hits were observed on the aerodrome.

## Large Force

The raid on Westerland (Sylt) was carried out by a large force of longrange bombers. One hangar was hit several times and another believed to have been badly damaged.

The runways were successfully bombed and fires started on the aerodrome.

The first bomber met only moderate fire but as the attack developed, pompoms placed round the aerodrome maintained a steady barrage of fire. -Reuter.

#### German Patrol Vessels Bombed and Sunk

Aircraft carrying out offensive petrols off the Frisian Islands attacked and sank two auxiliary patrol vessels.

The raid on Westerland, which is a convenient base for attacks on shipping along the coast of Norway and against the Allied troops' lines of com-

High explosive bombs played havoc, munication, 'was carried out by a large force.

> between it and the runway. Fires were started on various parts of the aerodrome.

At the time of the attack, night operations were evidently being carried out by the enemy for one pilot the boundary of the aerodrome. These were extinguished as he neared the objective.

While these raids were in progress, other aircraft of the Bomber Command were carrying out the customary security patrol over the bases of the German minelaying aircraft.

"SHIP DISAPPEARED"

One of these aircraft, patrolling off |-Havas. the island of Sylt was fired on by two naval auxiliaries.

Selecting its target and diving from 4,000 to 1,500 feet in the face of intense A. A. fire, the British aircraft bombed one of the ships. The A.A. fire ceased abruptly and in the words disappeared." Another aircraft, patrol- was marked in Hong Kong by a cerelevel bombing attack dropping six gents of the Royal Australian Navy. bombs in quick succession and on. An impressive parade in Statue turning back to observe the results the Square preceded the wreath-laying pilot could see only one boat on the ceremonies, which were witnessed by water. This aircraft was also able to a large attendance. observe the attack on Westerland from | Many men who took part in the drome.

# STRAIN ON GERMAN RAILWAYS

London, To-day. The Berlin radio announces that pleasure trips must be completely stopped and journeys to watering places and spas are only permissible in cases of extreme urgency, owing to the "tremen-

# IMPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY. CHINESE IMPORTS IN MARCH CONSIDERABLY INCREASED REACHING 57,000,000 GOLD UNITS AGAINST 44,000,000 DURING FE-BRUARY, SHANGHAI ACCOUNTED DUTCH ARMY INCREASE.

A strong import increase during March was experienced in cereals imports of which soared by more than reported lights on hangars and round 4,000,000 gold units to 12,500,000, constituting 22 per cent of the total

Chinese imports.

Another big import increase is raw cotton whose value rose by more than Dutch army has issued a press Or-1,000,000 to 8,000,000. March exports dinance forbidding the publication of amounted to 126,000,000 representing any printed matter dealing with naan increase of 16,000,000. Tea repre- tional defence without a special persented the most sensational increase mit. with no less than 11,000,000 gold units.

# ANZAC DAY

The 25th anniversary of Anzac Day, of the pilot's own report: "The ship commemorating the Gallipoli landing, ling a nearby area, soon after midnight | mony at the Cenotaph this morning Road, this morning appeared, as comcame under fire from two large motor | which was given enhanced colour by boats. The aircraft at once made a low | the presence in the Colony of contin-

a distance and reported seeing a large Landing, some of them members of the explosion on the west side of the aero- Services, others in civilian life in the was imposed. Colony, were present.

# AMERICAN LEGATION'S ADVICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day. The official Hungarian news agency explains reports in the foreign press that the U.S. Legation had advised Americans to leave Hungary.

"Some comments presented the measure as proof that the situation in Hungary was extremely serious. It has been ascertained, however, that the Legation merely sent circular letters to American citizens, as in previous years.

"The Legation had no other object in view, in present circumstances, to Induce Americans to leave unless they have serious reasons for remaining.

"From the despatch of these periodical circular letters it would be a mistake to draw inexact conclusions that the situation in Hungary, where calm prevails, is serious."-Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day. The commander-in-chief, of the

Any articles likely to demoralise the population or harmful to the security of the state, or spreading propaganda for any of the belligerents, are also prohibited .-- Havas.

#### 'CAT' BURGLAR CAUGHT BY DETECTIVE

Mrs. Cairns, of No. 10, Carnarvon plainant, in Mr. E. Himsworth's court when Chan Wong, 21, was charged with stealing clothing from Mrs. Cairn's house.

A Chinese detective saw accused, with two others not arrested, climbing down a drain pipe yesterday afternoon with a parcel. They were chased and he was arrested.

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# MR. GREENWOOD ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

London, To-day.

"NO MINISTER IS GOING to close my mouth. That is what this war is about," said Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, at a luncheon speech yesterday. He emphasised the need for freedom of expression.

Stressing that the Labour Party stood 100 per cent. behind any effort necessary for the successful prosecution of the war, Mr. Greenwood said that Hitler made his first capital blunder when he decided on the invasion of Denmark and Norway.

That blunder proved that "Corporal

"I should like to be able to read Admiral Raeder's diary to see what he thinks of his beloved leader. I thinks of his beloved leader. should not think the diary would be. very flattering!" -

Discussing the neutrals, Mr. Greenwood said that even the United States was having to pay a heavy bill for armaments, not because she herself was threatened but because no one knew how far this war would extend.

He would not plead with neutrals to join the Allies, as the powers already on their side were amply sufficient,-Reuter.

#### HORRIBLE MENACE

The democratic system is part of our fibre and we shall never allow its foundations to be threatened, said Mr. setback at Lillehammer on Tuesday. Greenwood. Whatever may befall there will be no wavering on our part until this horrible menace of freedom is completely destroyed."

Mr. Greenwood observed that he drew no distinction between Dictators. "Whether it's Berlin or Moscow makes

no difference to me."

Turning to recent events, he declared at Hitler had embarked on a foolish that Hitler had embarked on a foolish shortsighted adventure which is bringing visibly nearer to its end—though the struggle is going to be long onea war which might have been stalemated for a very long time.

#### THE NEUTRALS

Referring to the neutrals, he said:-"They must know now that there is no small neutral nation in Europe whose future is certain. I know that over enemy territory. at heart they are with us. Before this struggle is over, many of them will be with us in the fight."-British Wire-

London, To-day. The Oslo radio, which is German controlled, says there is a shortage of potatoes and eggs in German occupied areas while cabbage and fodder

are very scarce. Oslo, is suffering from, a serious

shortage of wood which is the chief material used for heating. The announcer appealed to farmers

to bring more supplies to the towns.-Reuter.

The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's ships, the laid-up Yangtaze River Fleet excepted, are to be taken on to Liner Requisition by the Ministry of Shipping from May 1.

... The Company says it understands that the Ministry of Shipping will decide rates of charter hire later, but it has at present no more information than this.

# Hitler" could never have been a sailor, he said, and continued:— NAZIS CLAIM PRISONERS

(SPECIAL TO: "CHINA MAIL")

BERLIN, TO-DAY. SEVERAL JUNKERS " AERO-PLANES CARRYING: CANADIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM NOR-WAY HAVE LANDED IN GER-MANY, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL GERMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS; THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO AN INTERN-MENT CAMP.

Announcing the capture of 20 machine-guns, 6 artillery pieces and a thousand million rounds of rifle ammunition, German circles claim that the Allied troops suffered a severe

Berlin expects the British to attempt a large-scale landing at Narvik at any moment, stating that a concentration of British naval units and troop transports has been spotted off that northern port.—Havas.

PARIS, TO-DAY. LAST NIGHT'S FRENCH WAR COMMUNIQUE SAID TWO PATROL ENCOUNTERS EAST OF THE MO-SELLE TURNED TO OUR ADVAN-TAGE.

During the night of Monday/Tuesday our aircraft made many longdistance reconnaissance flights, penetrating many hundreds of kilometres

They flew over the Prague region. An enemy reconnaissance plane was brought down within our territory on Tuesday evening.—Reuter.

## U. S. MANOEUVRES TO BE HELD IN SECRET

Washington, To-day. The War Department has decided that no foreign attaches will be invited to attend the manoeuvres, in which some 70,000 troops will participate, in Louisiana and Texas in May, when troops in "streamlined" divisions will be operating for the first time in peace as a field army.

The exclusion of foreign attaches is explained in authorised quarters as due to the fact that available facilities will be too crowded for them to be looked after properly.—Reuter.

### NORWEGIANS GETTING A. A. GUNS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day. Norwegian anti-aircraft batteries, thanks to reinforcements of British materials, are getting stronger each day, and have accounted for at least 20 German, planes so far, reports reaching here state.--Havas.

#### DUTCH ARMY LEAVE. RESUMED

The Hague, To-day. Dutch army leave, on a more restricted scale, than previously, will be resumed after Saturday ... Reuter.

# Desperate Nazi Bid To Relieve Trondheim

# STRIKING NORTH FROM ELVERUM

London, To-day. NEWS OF THE FIGHTING north of Trondheim gives the clearest indication of events in the Norwegian regions. Operations in this sector seem to be to and fro along the road and railway from Namsos, where Allied troops have landed, to

Trondheim. Yesterday, the Nazis claimed to have captured Steinkjaer, but the Allies have once or twice been reported below this town and frontier reports say that fighting for the control of the road is

still in progress.

A War Office communique says that | reached Koppang. in the Trondheim area the counterattack referred to in Tuesday's communique was delivered by a considerable number of German troops landed from ships within Trondheim Fjord.

troops succeeded in re-establishing the south of the besieged port,-Reuter. situation.

There is nothing further to report about operations elsewhere.

The Germans are trying to strike north through two valleys running parallel from the Oslo plains. A third valley, the Gudbransdal, seems to be completely in Allied hands to within a few miles of Hamar.

Here, the Allies are reported to be sending a steady stream of reinforcements to the advance guards who came to the assistance of the Norwegians at Lillehammer.

#### Some Progress

Further west, in the only valley left to German troops trying to reach the beleaguered garrison at Trondheim, the Nazis seem to be making some progress.

A railway follows the valley, through Rena, Koppang, Atna, Alvdal, Tinset, Roros, Storen to Trondheim.

The Norwegians are resisting stoutly and the Germans must expect to meet Allied troops moving across country to attack them.

They may still find themselves cut off from Trondheim by Allied troops After some sharp fighting, our advancing from Storen, immediately

#### Allies Continue To **Land Troops**

Nordli, To-day. The strength of the Allied forces in the Trondheim region is increasing daily as troops are landed at Namsos and Andalsnaes.

German air activity continues with intensity but it is known the Nazis have lost many planes.

British anti-aircraft defences, which are being gradually reinforced, have taken toll of some, while others have been forced down by the severe weather.

News that the Allies now control the rallway south of Trondheim to Lillehammer is of the highest strategic importance since it cuts off one route by which the Germans at Trondhelm might have been reinforced.

While the troops at Trondhelm may The Germans are reported to have hold out for some time, their ultimate.

# ALLIED GUARANTEE IN BALKANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. The eighth Allied Supreme War Council decision, that foreign aggression against any Balkan state will result in immediate. Allied intervention, assumes particular importance because it is now clear that the Allies will intervene in case of attacks directed against countries which were not guaranteed by them,-Havas.

# SHOOTING OF CIVILIANS IN NORWAY

LONDON, TO-DAY. QUESTIONED IN THE COMMONS REGARDING RE-YESTERDAY PORTS THAT THE GERMANS ARE SHOOTING CIVILIANS IN NOR-WAY, THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. R. A. BUTLER, REPLIED IT APPEARED FROM OFFICIAL GERMAN BROAD. CASTS ON APRIL 12 AND 19 THAT THE GERMAN HIGH COM-MAND IN OSLO HAD DECLARED ANY PERSONS FOUND FIGHTING THE GERMAN FORCES WOULD BE TREATED AS FRANC-TIREURS AND SHOT.

Some persons, he added, had already been shot on this ground.

The Germans had also declared that every civilian carrying arms or committing acts of sabotage would be shot on the spot.

They had, in addition, admitted having forced Norwegian civilians to drive German soldiers into the firing-line in

commandeered cars. Comment on such methods of war was superfluous but he was glad of the opportunity of making the facts known. -Reuter.

position is regarded as hopeless if they have to rely entirely on aerial aid from the south.—Reuter.

#### Nazis 50 Miles North Of Elverum?

Stockholm, To-day. Latest newspaper reports state that the German centre north of Oslo has reached the neighbourhood of Koppang, 50 miles north of Elverum.

The Allies are rushing troops to meet this advance.—Reuter.

# Advance Checked

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Stockholm, To-day.

Both Norwegian and Allied sources claim that the Nazi advance north from Oslo has been checked.—Havas.

#### Defence of a Ridge

Stockholm, To-day. The "Aftonbladet" correspondent at Tryssil, north-east of Oslo, says the Norwegians are holding a ridge near the Swedish frontier.

Their resistance surprised Germana who expected slight reelstance only, but one energetic vo-

lunteer officer inspired the man-The correspondent says 200 Germens have been killed in this sector. since Tuesday,-Reuter.

# ITALY'S NEW TONE

Brussels, To-day.

The "Gazette de Charleroi" remarks on the change in the tone of the Italian press, and says this return to a more healthy conception of Scandinavian events can be attributed in part to the real and effective Allied reply.

The hour will soon strike when Italy must make her choice.—Reuter.

### 37 SHIPS DETAINED BY BRITAIN

London, To-day.

On Tuesday, 92 ships were in British contraband control bases in the United Kingdom. Of these, 37 ships were brought in or detained by order of the Ministry of Economic Warfare in view of the situation in Norway and Denmark.

This total includes 9 Danish ships. -Reuter.



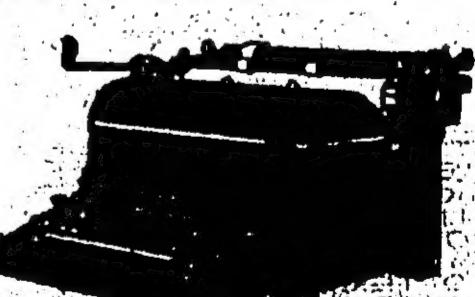


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The Germans in Norway are now attacking along the railway from Oslo to Trondheim running through Elverum, Roros, and Storen. The effect of the manoeuvre, if successful, would be to give the Germans command of the Norwegian-Sweden frontier zone between Oslo and Crondheim (shown on the map as Nidaro). They are reported to be 50 miles north of Elverum.

# CHINESE INTERNEE'S ESCAPE BID

AFTER SUCCESSFULLY NEGO-TIATING THE BARBED WIRE FENCE AROUND THE CHINESE INTERNMENT CAMP IN ARGYLE STREET, AN INTERNEE, LEUNG TING-SANG, 38, WAS RE-ARREST-ED AFTER A SHORT CHASE YES-TERDAY AFTERNOON.

He was caught by Mr. J. James, of the Public Works Department.

The man was seen climbing the fence by one of the Indian guards, who fired two shots but failed to hit him.

Attracted by the rifle fire Mr. James, who was passing, saw the soldier over the fence, chased and captured him.

This is the first attempt to escape since the Medical Department took over the Camp.

Charged with attempting escape, he was remanded by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

# RUMANIAN AGREEMENT WITH NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

Germany and Rumania have signed an additional protocol supplementing the existing trade agreement.

The protocol provides for the maintenance of the existing rate of exchange between the lei and mark;

Increased Rumanian purchases of German coal, while Rumania will deliver to Germany flocks hitherto undelivered;

Various measures intended to secure the normal development of German-Rumanian trade.

Rumanian oil exports to Germany remain the same as fixed by the agreement of December 21 last year.

The Germans have failed to obtain deliveries of Rumanian wool.—Havas.

Bringing Up Father









By George McManus

# ANNUAL MEETING OF M.C.L.

THE INABILITY OF TWO LEAD-ING SUPPORTERS TO CONTINUE THEIR USUAL CONTRIBUTION RE-SULTED IN A DECREASE IN THE TO CHARITIES, ALLOCATION MRS. D. L. NEWBIGGING, PRESI-DENT, SAID' AT THE ANNUAL THE HONG KONG MEETING OF MINISTERING LEAGUE AND THE MINISTERING . CHILDREN'S LEAGUE, AT THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE TO-DAY.

Presenting the report and accounts, the president said:—

Our two permanent yearly commitments -£60 to the Meath Home, Ottershaw, Surrey, for the maintenance of two children, and \$1,000 to the Nethersole Hospital for the upkeep of a Cot in the children's ward -have been met as usual, but I regret we were compelled to reduce our contributions · to the other charities dependent on us for assistance.

I can assure you that this is in no way due to the decreased activity on the part of the various branches of the M.C.L. Each has taken an energetic and successful part in raising funds by obtaining subscriptions. organising bridge drives and sales of work and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the branch secretaries for the splendid work they have done during the year.

. I cannot close this report without referring to the excellent work done by our Hon, Secretary, Mrs. Womack, who at all times, no matter how inconvenient has been most efficient and helpful.

who came to our rescue when Mrs. Nicol had to resign from the post of Hon. Treasurer last year-also to Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews for again auditing our accounts and to the Press for their help on all occasions.

The following committee was re-elected en bloc: President, Mrs. D. L. Newbigging; Vice-president, Mrs. H. R. Butters; Hon. ~Treasurer, Mrs. A. Nicol; Gen. Hon. Secretary, Mrs. O. C. Womack.

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#### REICH COMMISSAR FOR NORWAY!

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Berlin, To-day. It is announced that Hitler has appointed Terboven, hitherto Gauleiter of Essen and President of the Rhine Province, as Reich Commissar for the

occupied districts in Norway. He will be directly subordinate to Hitler.—Reuter.

was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., theft when questioned. this morning, on Lam Lap, 26, for snatching a handbag from-Mrs. W. Vuagnians, of No. 1, Gap Road, yesterday.

# IN GERMAN HANDS

Stockholm, To-day. According to reports received here yesterday afternoon, Steinkjer is now in German hands but the Allies hold strong positions six miles north of the town against which a German offensive is expected.

German planes and German destroyers in Trondheim Fjord made important contributions to the fighting round Steinkjer.

All rallway stations north of Steinkjer were repeatedly attacked from the air but bridges and tracks are intact as they are situated among steep precipices, making them diffi-. cult targets for the German airmen.

The civilian population of Steinkjer has fled to the mountains where they are reported to be suffering from insufficient clothing and food. STOREN CONTROL

The important railway junction of Storen, south of Trondheim, is controlled by the Allies, and both railways south from Trondheim to Oslo, as well as the line from Fagernes to Oslo, are now in Allied hands.

German airmen are continually Our thanks are due to Mrs. Kelvin-Stark | bombing Osterdal and Gudbrandsdal. Dombaas is reported to be ablaze and parachute troops have been observed north-east of the town.-Reu-

# KAIFENG FIGHTING

Loyang, To-day.

Two-thirds of Kaifeng are now in the hands of the Chinese who smashed into the provincial capital to latest military despatches.

The Chinese forces are continuing the attack in the remainder of the city.

Fires started in the Japanese barracks and supply depots are still raging and the Japanese have sustained heavy material losses.

Fighting is also reported at Sintang, south of Kaifeng, where the Chinese launched a simultaneous attack. Two Japanese tanks were destroyed.

Japanese reinforcements rushing to Kaifeng from Kweiteh in east Honan, and Sinsiang, on the north bank of the Yellow River, have been intercepted.—Central News.

#### COUNTING HIS EGGS TOO SOON

"You cannot employ a watchman to watch a watchman," said Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when Sam Tin, 55, was charged with stealing 45 eggs from the Canadian Cafe.

Det. Sergt. Cullinan said defendant was employed as a watchman by the Canadian Cafe. At 5.30 a.m. yesterday, he was seen by a Chinese detec-Sentence of three months' hard labour tive counting the eggs. He admitted

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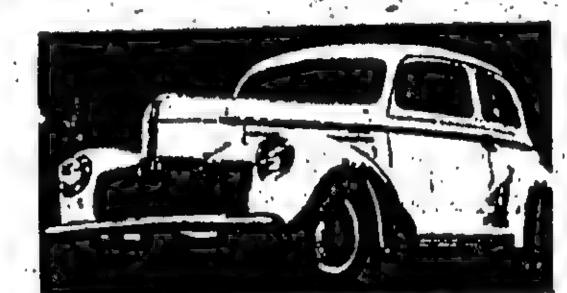
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Now that at last the German Navy has put to sea, the Coastal Command has been doing excellent naval co-operation working, spotting and accurately reporting a variety of craft from minesweepers to pocket-battleships.

These successes have tended to overshadow the achievements of the Coastal Command 'planes during the early months, but the figures speak for themselves.

Since the war began, the Coastal CLAIM Command 'planes have flown some 8,000,000 miles on patrol. Even in the worst weather of the winter months, the 'planes did not fly less than 250,-000 miles each week. Most of the Coastal Command pilots have flown the equivalent of at least once round the world since the war began.

Each week, 4,000 ships are guarded by the 'planes of the Coastal Command, and to date no British or naval ship has been lost while under air convoy. No less than 600 tours of the fishing fleets were made to protect them against enemy 'planes and Uboats.

Over 20,000 photographs and reports of ships believed to be Germans masquerading as neutrals have been made, 80 attacks have been made against U-boats and literally hundreds of mines have been located and destroyed.

The record, incidentally, is getting better every day!-Reuter.

# 2,000,000

London, To-day. It is authoritatively learn- yesterday owing to the market's view ed that the British Empire that they stand to benefit from the Budget. Industrials were hesitant ownow has 2,000,000 men under ing to difficulties in readjusting values arms, exclusive of the Royal following the limitation of dividends, Navy, Marines, Mercantile bond issues during wartime. Penin-Marine, R.A.F., police, civil sula and Oriental are maintaining an defence services, all civil transport personnel, workers in war industries and all -Reuter. other public services.

The armies in France and the Middle East are being steadily augmented. The average age of the British

soldier is now 26. A large number of volunteers from the older age groups are still being accepted for the army, and for every three men so far called up two such volunteers have been enlisted. -Reuter.

# DANES ANXIOUS TO AID ALLIES

London, To-day. will not be treated as enemy

aliens. This announcement by the Home Office received a warm welcome in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Many Danes in Britain are anxious to help the Allies. in the struggle: ... against : the ... aggressive tyranny of which Denmark is the

against anyone, Dane or otherwise, suspected of Nazi sympathies.—Reu-

LONDON, TO-DAY. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FAR INEVITABLY FALLS TO EAST CHINA BY REASON OF HER VAST AND POPULATION AREA BY HER CUL-MORE EVEN. AND NATIONAL GENIUS TURE FOR DEVELOPMENT, DECLARED THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR, MR. QUO TAI-CHI, SPEAKING YES-TERDAY AT THE BRITISH AS-SOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING.

"I can entertain no facile optimism as regards the redemption of the Japanese people within a practicable measure of time from the domination of the military caste and their programme of hegemony in East Asia and mastery over the Western

Pacific areas." Mr. Quo added China had an important part to play in Anglo-American relations because the strategic and commercial interests of Britain and the United States were parallel in the Far East.—Reuter.

# INDUSTRIALS HESITANT ON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day. securities and Kaffirs Gilt-edged were strong on the Stock Exchange interim dividend of 2 per cent. on deferred stock.

Wall Street was narrowly irregular.

## SELENGA SEIZURE ACHIEVES PURPOSE

London, To-day. Detention of the Soviet ships Selenga and Vladimir Mayakowsky, first in Hong Kong, and then in Saigon, is stated in London to have produced the result desired.

Since the detention no further Soviet ships have sailed from the United States with cargoes likely to constitute contraband .- Reuter.

### PICTURES OF WORK OF THE NAVY

London, To-day. We are to have more photographs showing the work of the Royal Navy! It was announced in the House of Commons yesterday that arrange ments have been made for a number Danes in Great Britain of newsreel cameramen to be attached to units of the Fleet. Already, a number of naval photographs have been taken by some of the seamen and some of these have recently appeared in the press. Reuter,

### TRIAL OF UDHAM SINGH POSTPONED

London, To-day. The trial of Udham Singh, in con-Every precaution will be taken nection with the murder of Sir Michael O'Dwyer last month, was postponed at Old Balley yesterday until the next session.—Reuter.

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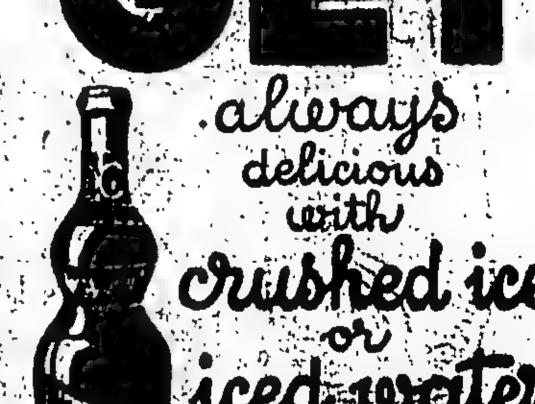
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STEAMBOAT CO. MEETING

# H.K. RIVER SHIPPING DIFFICULTIES

THE WAR IN CHINA AND cut-throat competition from firms which, in the words of a shareholder, could not be considered "legitimate trading interests," combined, with certain other relevant factors, to give the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., a net loss for the year of \$173,985.04, it was revealed at the annual meeting at noon to-day.

ported by Messrs. Li Tse-fong, J. P. Braga, L. B. Wood, D. L. Newbigging and Tung Fan Lo, directors, and Mr.

H. da Luz, secretary. The chairman said:—

In concluding my speech at the annual general meeting held last, year

remarked:---

I feel that I should again convey to you a note of warning concerning prospects in the immediate future. We have benefited from the abnormal conditions which prevailed most of last year. For that we must be thankful. But he must be a bold person who, without an utter disregard of the portent of the dark clouds gathering ahead of him, would dare view the immediate future with any degree of complacency or with optimism.

It is with keen regret that I have to confess that the result of last year's trading was even worse than my gloomy forebodings had led me to expect, accounting for a loss for the year, after providing for depreciation of steamers at the usual rate, repairs, etc., of \$173,985.04. This loss has been transferred to profit and loss account. thus reducing the credit of that account to the sum of \$31,739.59, which your directors recommend be carried forward to a new account.

Apart from a short period during September, when company's steamers carried full number of passengers from Hong Kong to Macao, the company has had to face adverse trading conditions through the year.

In the Canton line negotiations with the authorities concerned resulted in the Kinshan being permitted a passenger service between the two ports. Subsequently, in agreement with the China Navigation Co. Ltd., the Fatshan took over the run; thus permitting the Kinshan to resume uninterrupted service in the Macao line. I wish to record the grateful ap-

preciation of this company to H.B.M. Consul General in Canton for his valuable services in connection with the negotiations above referred to. LITTLE INDUCEMENT

With Canton being virtually closed, the company's activities had to be restricted to the Hong Kong-Macao run. At best this line offers but little inducement to tonnage larger than that of the smaller type of river steamers. Before the occupation of Kongmoon which replaced Canton as the trading centre of the Kwangtung Province at the beginning of the yearand some of the surrounding districts, returns by company's steamers were more or less satisfactory. Kongmoon fell in March, thus severing the remaining link between Hong Kong. and the interior via Macao. Communication with the surrounding dis- would seem that the truism that cuttricts was then maintained by small

Mr. M. K. Lo was in the chair, sup- | boats through shallow creeks. | Later

the situation improved. With an apprehensive business community in the interior, and with communication facilities being subjected to intermittent interruptions, competition for the meagre offerings continued until June, when the Chinese currency began to depreciate. Freight returns reflected the uncertainty of the moment, and with the cholera restrictions being enforced in the Colony, river shipping companies were faced with insuperable difficulties. The company's Taishan was taken off the line for about two weeks as a result.

SENSELESS COMPETITION In September an effort was made to remedy what appeared to be a desperate situation, and to end the senseless competition among river ship-

ping companies. An agreement was reached, but I am sorry to say that that agreement was broken within two weeks of its inception. Further comments seem superfluous. The Sui Tai was sold to Yangtsze

interests in July. The sale was not unprofitable. In fact, the Sui Tai had outlived her usefulness to the company.

In June, the directors decided to proceed with the reconditioning of the Lee Hong, purchased in 1938, and to rename her Chungshan.

In October, after the outbreak of war in Europe, certain regulations concerning the movements of steamers were put in force by Government. Amongst these was the closing of the Cap Si Mun Pass to river steamers. The new passage via the Lamma Channel means a much longer journey for the steamers, and exposure to inclement weather.

It is with sincere regret that I record here to-day the death in December last year of the late Mr. Walter Hung, the manager of the company's Chinese department. Mr. Hung had succeeded his father, the late Mr. Hung Tsze Yee, and had been in the company's service for seven years. He served the company with ability and-devotion.

The company's Taishan has just been replaced by the Chungshan in the Macao Line service. Cost of operation has advanced to the stage where your directors consider it inadvisable to keep the Taishan in commission, though they hope that the lay-up of the steamer will only be temporary. RIVER COMBINE?

As I ventured to remark to you last year, "unless it is generally recognised and appreciated that adventuring in the river trade can prove to be costly, I fear that we must continue to expect the worst." I am happy to say that from various indications it (Continued on Page 15)

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# SEMI-FINAL ABANDONED

Young Tsui Misses Great Chance Of Making History

# LEADS 4-2 IN FINAL SET BUT UNABLE TO FORCE DECISION

(By "ADREM")

IN THE MURK OF 6.30 at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, the fair crowd of spectators gathered to watch the semi-final tie between holder Tsui Wai-pui and his brother Tsui Yan-pui, had visions of history being made.

shared, led 4-2 in the final set and, lumpire, abandoned the game. on his form, appeared to be certain Yesterday's scores were, Yan-pui's touch and his brother crept up to 4-4. level at 4-all at which stage the light

#### STEAMBOAT COMPANY MEETING

(Continued from Page 14) throat competition, by resorting to reducing fares to absolutely uneconomic levels, can do no good to anyone, is now more generally recognised. When I mention that at the worst period of such competition it was possible to travel to Macao for about HK\$0.08 my point will be readily understood. At long last a combine of the river shipping companies has been mooted, and if such a combine should materialise, as the directors hope it will, then at all events some of the ill effects of the suicidal competition can be eliminated.

I can only say that, in my view, the immediate prospects are not bright, and that we should not deceive ourselves with any false hopes. The struggle ahead will no doubt be very severe one, but, happily, the company is in a position to face the future with reasonable equanimity. By concentrating our efforts on conserving our resources as far as possible the first few games of each set, with until the clouds have cleared, we can the exception of the first, he appeared. hope for the dawn of a better day.

If my speech has seemed rather gloomy I am happy to be able to refer to a point with enthusiasm, namely, the splendid loyalty and wholehearted co-operation of the staff of the company, both ashore and affoat, during a period of anxiety and exceptional difficulty. The directors wish to record their grateful appreciation to them.

OUTSIDE SUBSIDIES

Seconding the report and accounts, Mr. W. E. Kirby, shareholder secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild. asked whether, with regard to the agreement with certain river steamers referred to in the chairman's speech, certain of these ships were being subsidised from sources outside the Colony which could not be considered legitimate trading interests.

Mr. Lo: "Yes." "Is there no hope of that position

being eliminated?— No."

Mr. Kirby asked whether the reconditioning of the Chungshan was covered under loss on working or as a trading loss. Mr. Lo said it was a trading loss; the cost of reconditioning had been capitalised.

Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. J. P. Braga were 're-elected directors and the appointment of Mr. L. P. Wood was. confirmed. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at \$1,250 each.

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Yan-pui, after four sets had been was so bad that Mr. C. J. Tacchi, the

of winning. Unfortunately he lost his given first, 6-2, 4-6, 5-7, 6-3, and

I may be rather hard to satisfy but I must confess to a certain amount of disappointment in the match. Probably I was expecting too much. There were some brilliant rallies and some of the strokes produced were such that only a Tsui could have produced them. But there were also a great many errors and periods when both men lacked concentration.

#### TERRIBLE SERVING

Tsui Wai-pui served atrociously. On occasion he managed to get over a fast first service reminiscent of his form of last year but I shudder to think of the number of doubles which would have been chalked up against him had anyone bothered to keep a tally of them.

Actually, so far as I could see, it was Yan-pui's service superiority that carried him as far as he got. In the last set his first service was in excellent working order and big brother was probably aced on more occasions than at any other time in his career.

Yan-pui's form throughout the match was variable. I noticed that in to find great difficulty in finding touch with the new balls provided. Result was a series of ballooned shots which soared well out of court when he tried to hit the ball hard.

BEAUTIFUL BACKHAND

For almost the entire match he was lacking in confidence on the forehand, although his nicely-produced backhand was a poem of rythm throughout. His brother's clever courtcraft and unfailing ability to catch him on the wrong foot when he went into the net, gave him little opportunity of showing what he could do on the volley, and on the whole he lost more points in this department than he made. Overhead he was safe enough and was never asraid to go for outright winners.

Wai-pui, in the second and third sets, was irresistible. It appeared during this period that he would win the match at three sets to one. He definitely turned on the heat and his brother had no answer for his powerful driving on both hands and cunning disguise of pace and direction. His most spectacular shots were made when in losing positions, when he flashed out cross-court forehand drives which were absolutely untouchable.

He showed, however, his old penchant for going unnecessarily for the spectacular shot when a touch was forcing a decision. all that was required for a point and | The match will be replayed—the it was as much this failing of his as second singles semi-final to have sufanything else which prevented him lered this fate.

#### TO-DAY'S MATCH

There is only one tennis match down for decision at Hong Kong Cricket Club to-day. H. D. Rumjahn will meet S. A. Rumjahn in a replay of the match last week when no decision was reached after four sets had been played.

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8.23 p.m. — Marek Weber and His Orchestra. "A Waltz Dream" - Potpourri

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8.45 p.m.—Jessie Matthews (Soprano), Rale da Costa (Plano) and Reginald Dixon (Organ).

Organ-"Chorus Gentlemen, Please" Intro: Hunting we will go; Sally in our Alley; John Peel; Oh Dear what can the matter be; Londonderry Air; There's a Tavern in the Town; Men of Harlech; Drink to me only; British Grenadiers; The Minstrel Boy; Sir Roger de Coverley; Auld Lang Syne ... . Reginald Dixon.

Vocal—Slipping Through My Fingers (from 'It's love again').... Jessie Matthews (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Piano - A Thousand Goodnights (Donaldson); True (Samuels & ... Whitcup)..... Raie 'da Costa with Orchestra accomp. and Vocal

Chorus. Vocal—Let. Me Give My Happiness to You (film 'The Good Companions'); Three Wishes (film 'The Matthews (Soprano) with Orch. Organ-Dancing Time No. 5: The 11.00 p.m.-CLOSE DOWN.

Fox-Trot-Grandma said; I miss you in the morning; The Waltz-I shall always remember you smiling; Where the Shannon flows down to the sea....Reginald

Dixon. 9.15 p.m.-London Relay-News Sum-

9.80 p.m.-London Relay - "Vive la France".

9.45 p.m.—A Light French Programme. La Polka Du Roi (Trenet); Le Grand Cafe (Trenet)....Charles Trenet (Vocal) and His Orchestra.

Le Bonheur est entre dans Mon Coeur (film 'La Goualeuse'); Dis-Moi Pourquoi (film 'La Goualeuse')....Lys Gauty (Vocal) with Orchestra.

Il Est Un Doux Pays (Nutile-Laurent); Colombella (Pierlas-Fernay).... Micheletti (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Mon Meilleur Ami (Berthomieu-Tabet); Entraineuse (Tabet).... Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orch. Pigeon Vole-Fox-Trot (Misraki); En Quittant Une Ville (Trenet)

.Charles Trenet & His Orch. 10.15 p.m.—Grieg — Incidental Music to Peer Gynt. Vienna Symphony Orchestra with Chorus conducted by

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should be explained that South was played the Queen, West won with the playing with North for the first time and they had no well defined Slam procedure. Otherwise South might have tried to get to a Grand Slam. After all, if North held the King of clubs instead of the Ace of spades, the Grand Slam could have been made.

South, Dealer Both sides vulnerable A 10 7 4 10 6 2 KQJ8 ♦ J 10 8 7 **5** 2 # 10 8 # K J 7 KQJ858 AK4 A Q 9 2 bidding: - East North West South

Pass Pass The King of spades was opened and dummy, while quite sound, was just about as undesirable as South could

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get. Declarer won the opening lead with the spade Ace, discarding i club from his own hand. He next led a low spade and trumped it, played two rounds of trumps, stopping in dummy, trumped another spade

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Pass

in his own hand, cashed the Ace and King of diamonds, discarding a spade from dummy, trumped his one remaining diamond in dummy, and now, having stripped his own hand and dummy, of spades and diamonds, he played a club from dummy.

generally we don't think East desperately went up with the much of "one-two-six" bidding, it ten, but this did him no good. South King and now Declarer spread his. hand since any lead by West would be a loser.

As Howard Schenken's partner. yesterday you held:

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ANSWER: Hid three notrump. You have no honour in spades, and since you can be certain your partner holds but four in that suit, a bad spade break might defeat you at four spades. Nothing is likely to beat three no-

Score 100% for three notrump, 60% | night. trump. for four spades, 0 for any Slam try (if your partner had bid two spades over two clubs, you could afford to invate a Slam. As it is, his bidding merely shows he does not like notrump.)

QUESTION NO. 893 You are Declarer at six notrump. Dummy holds:

The deuce of hearts is opened. How do you play the hand?

(Answer tomorrow.)

Early yesterday morning a raid was carried out by the Water Police on junks and sampans in Yung Shu Bay, Lamma Island.

No arrests were made.

It is understood that the police received information that pirates, responsible for recent attacks on cargo junks, were using the bay as a base of operations against junks leaving and about to enter the Colony's waters.

## KOWLOON ROBBERY

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# P.H. WONG WINS ALL THREE COLONY TITLES

Thrilling Rallies In Men's Doubles Encounter

# CHEW PLAYS WELL; YONG IMPROVES

(By "ADREM")

PATRICK H. WONG, the brilliant Chinese Y.M.C.A. player, last night accomplished what P. K. Hui, of University, did for the two previous seasons, namely winning all three major badminton titles.

Winning the singles crown on Monday, Wong added the men's doubles and mixed doubles titles to his season's bag at K.C.C. last night.

A crowd estimated by the Hon. Se- | men brought off some good shots and cretary of the Association as being the took full advantage of any opportunlargest ever to have watched badmin- lities which came their way. ton matches in the Colony since the game became organised, was treated sity pair, showing far more confidence, to some splendid fare and last night's exhibition is bound to accomplish much towards further popularising a game already catching on rapidly in the public imagination.

As already mentioned, Wong won both the matches in which he was "engaged. I would not say, however, that he won them in any convincing manner. Indeed in his second match of the evening, Yong and Chew were much the better players and so far "did they dominate the exchanges that it appeared that only a most remark-\_able improvement in form could save the Chinese "Y" pair from defeat.

#### WONG'S FINE EFFORT

be attributed to Wong, whose wealth strokes. Chew played consistently J. Fonseca of experience enabled him, practically well and Yong improved out of all re- H. A. Botelho off his own racket, to turn a losing cognition as the evening progressed F. V. Ribeiro position into a winning one.

Wong and Au could not get together match. as a combination in the first game and sound work by Yong, and sustained brilliance by Chew-easily the best man on the court at this stage—saw the University pair draw away from night. .. 6 and go out for game without conceding another ace.

It is possible that a footfault decision against each of the Chinese "Y" players upset their game to a certain extent, but for that they have only themselves to blame. For players of their experience they should at least be familiar with the rules of the game in which they have achieved such seminance.

Second game saw little improvement in the play of either Wong and Au to start with. When forced they were erratic and add to this a complete inability to serve, and one will readily appreciate the seeming hopelessness of the situation as far as they were concerned.

#### AU "SPECTATES"

Wong, however, was holding on grimly and when University thad gone to 7-5 he took complete control of the game himself. During this period Au was nothing more than a specthe bag and with powerful smashing she also accomplished much good work ficit to take the game at 15-8.

fited by his rest and Yong and Chew to a clearing shot which nearly alonce again took command. Au was ways scored outright very erratic and Wong was little bet- Wong and Miss Cheung won the abrilliance of University's game. Both second at the same score. Gull ...... D.N.F.

Leading 5-0 and 5-1 the Univerappeared to have the match in hand J. A. Remedios but once again came a rally from the C. A. Marques opposition in which, on this occasion, H. A. Alves. Au was not found wanting. The rallies were played at lightning speed and J. A. Luz some of the recoveries were amazing L. A. Rozario to say the least In most of them. to say the least. In most of them, C. Roza Percira however, Wong usually managed to crash home a winner and although J. D. Remedios University contested every point, they A. M. Xavier were unable once again to get on top C. G. Silva and Chinese "Y" went out at 15-9 for game and match.

#### UNIVERSITY TRIFLE UNLUCKY

In many respects University were M. Alarcon unfortunate to lose. They were much C. M. Silva the better balanced pair and, on the Dr. A. Rodrigues That that rally was forthcoming can | whole, revealed a wider reportoire of although feeling the effects of his first

Wong and Au never looked sure of H. K. F. C. themselves and I don't suppose Wong has ever had to worry more over the result of a. match than he did last

#### YONG AND MISS KHOO OUTCLASSED

In many respects the mixed doubles match was disappointing and Wong and Miss Cheung were never in any difficulty. Yong was quite unable to get his strokes in working order and, while making a number of inexplicable errors, was also unable to get sufficien length on his clearing shots.

Result was Wong was able to adopt the initiative from the start and his accurate smashing paved the way for numerous points.

There was little to chose between the two ladies. Miss Cheung has improved out of all recognition and has evidently been well coached. She positioned herself very well and was consequently able to score repeatedly with nice

#### MISS KHOO'S SERVING

Miss Khoo served extremely welltator. Wong produced every shot in far better than did her partner—and and C. Strange (Skip). and cunning drops wiped off the de- on the forecourt. Apart from Yong's T. Seddon, A. J. MacFayden, J. Barnett poor form the breakdown in the Uni-A short rest and then the final versity combination can be attributed game commenced. Interspersed with to complete lack of understanding. a number of errors were some of the Yong was too apt to go in for drop most brilliant railles seen in the lo- shots with the result that both play- sweepstake race held by the Royal Hong Association will hold their monthly Wong did not appear to have bene- tions with the back of the court open to have bene- tions with the back of the court open dilacted by his rest and Yong and Chew to a clearing shot which hearly al- (Capt. W. A. Ingram).

#### **RESULTS AT** A GLANCE

MIXED DOUBLES Patrick Wong and Miss W. Cheung beat K. L. Yong and Miss Ulian Khoo 15-7 15-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES Patrick Wong and C. Au beat K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew 6-15, 15-8 and 15---9.



#### RECREIO VOLUNTEERS TO PLAY REST

The following have been selected to play the intra-club lawn bowls match at Club de

Recreio on Sunday between ."Volunteers" and "The Rest": THE REST VOLUNTEERS H. R. Pinna C. M. S. Alves C. E. Marques A. F. Noronha J. E. Noronha (Skip) Braz Alves P. A. Yvanovich C. A. Lopes F. X. Soares · (Skip) Fred Xavier

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B. Basto (Skip) F. Machado C. H. Basto O. P. Remedios J. J. Basto

# BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Football Club against Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday in the Valley Cup

Competition. A. Watson, G. E. Stephens, L. E. Lammert and N. J. Bellington (Skip). J. H. Gelling, J. Watson, K. S. Robertson and A. Brooksbank (Skip).

J. S. Howell, A. W. Hodges, G. Duncan and W. Gill (Skip). F. P. Anslow, C. G. Sollis, B. A. Mansell and H. G. Wallington (Skip). A. B. Didsbury, B. I. Bickford, C. F.

Needham and G. S. Graver (Sklp). J. I. Barnes, T. R. Rowell, H. H. Beddow and S. H. Strange (Sklp).

#### C.S.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent Civil

J. Gellately, R. R. Wood, J. F. McGowan and J. Hollidge (Skip). M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, M. N. Rakusen and H. E. Strange (Skip).

E. W. C. Simmonds, J. W. Deakin, L. A. Collyer and F. J. Jones (Skip). A. F. Shephard, H. Parrott, H. F. Harper and A. B. Allen (Skip).

Eccleshall (Skip). C. J. Walker, J. R. Carr, P. D. Crewley

Reserves: J. F. Hickman, J. C. Lucas, and T. E. Wood.

#### YACHTING

The following were the results of Finished Corrd. Pos.

True Blue ..... 6.27.45 (Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson).

# SCOTS WIN

The Scotland versus the Rest golf match, held by the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club on Tuesday, resulted in a win for Scotland 91/2 to 73/4. Results:

Mrs. A. C. Meredith (Rest) beat Mrs. W. S. Hillier (Scotland); Mrs. I. W. Shewan (Scotland) beat Mrs. H. G. Sheldon (Rest); Mrs. P. S. Cassidy (Scotland) beat Mrs. F. A. Redmond (Rest); Mrs. K. S. Robertson (Scotland) beat Mrs. W. N. A. Smalley (Rest); Mrs. M. A. Johnson (Scotland) beat Mrs. J. R. Collis (Rest); Mrs. H. B. Rose (Rest) beat Mrs. R. C. Stewart (Scotland); Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie (Scotland) beat Mrs. R. D. Walker (Rest); Mrs. H. Overy (Rest) beat Miss M. Glendinning (Scotland); Mrs. F. D. Hunter (Scotland) beat Mrs. H. C. Margrett (Rest); Mrs. D. S. Edward (Scotland) beat Mrs. L. Blair (Rest); Mrs. C. B. Brown (Rest) beat Mrs. A. Nichol (Scotland); Mrs. A. V. Greaves (Scotland) beat Mrs. A. J. Dennis (Rest); Mrs. R. J. Shrigley (Scotland) beat Miss N. Price (Rest); Mrs. W. Park (Rest) beat Mrs. W. Fleming (Scotland); Mrs. R. R. Davies (Rest) beat Lady MacGregor (Scotland); Mrs. F. C. Young (Rest) beat Mrs. F. A. Mackintosh (Scotland).

#### HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, To-day. The following were the results of football. games played yesterday:

South China

Tottenham

Arsenal Chelsea Portsmouth ' Southampton Southend Reading North Western Rochdale Blackpool SCOTTISH LEAGUE Western Hamilton Rangers Dumbarton Motherwell Clyde Kilmarnock Partick Tird Lanark Queen O'S Eastern Dundee U Aberdeen King's Park Raith St. Bernards St. Johnstone Stenhousemuir Arbroath Representative Game Scotland . 4- Army

#### S. CHINA "B" WIN

-Reuter.

(Played at Edinburgh).

South China "A" First Division Soccer champions, were beaten by South China "B" by the odd goal in three in their postponed First Division game at Caroline Hill yesterday. The Service in the Valley Cup on Satur- | Champions only fielded four of their regular side.

#### EASTERN RETURN

Eastern Athletic Association returned to the Colony from Manila by the H. Lord, F. S. Austin, A. Steven and S. Clipper yesterday afternoon. They won six of their seven games played and contemplate a return visit in

#### REFEREES' DANCE

The Hong Kong Football Referees' dance at Hotel Cecil to-morrow night from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Band of Royal Scots by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. D. J. McDougall M. C. and Officers, will be in attendance.

Spot prizes will be given in each

# LEVER'S FINE EFFORT

A javelin throw of 177 ft. by Pte. Lever. which has been beaten only twice in the Army championships in England since 1935, was the highlight of yesterday's finals and heats in the Army athletic championships on the Polo Ground.

#### Results:

Regt. qualified.

880 Yards Relay:-First heat, 1, Middlesex (1.38); 2, H.K.S.R.A. (1.39); 3, Small: Units H.K.S.R.A.; 4, Kumaon Rifles. Rifles (1.38.4); 3, Royal Scots (1.38.8); 4, 1, 5th A.A. Regt, and 8th Heavy Regt, (10 (38 ft. 8 lns); 6, 12th Heavy Regt; (38 ft. Heavy Regt, (16 mins, 4; 2/5 secs.); 3, 12th 6th Heavy Regt.

throws):-1, Middlesex Regt. (318 ft. 814 ins. (177 ft. and 141 ft. 835 ins); 2, 8th Heavy Regt. (285 ft. 10 ins); 3. Rajputana Rifles (261 ft, 135 ins); 4, Royal Scots (260 ft. 11 Highest individual jump was 5 ft. 4 ins. ins.); 5, 12th Heavy Regt. R.A. (256 ft. 516 ins); 6. Small Units (255 ft.: 14 fns); 7. H.K.S.R.A. (254 ft. 832 ins).

Heavy Regt. and Hong Kong Singapore Regt. (3.41.8); 2, Royal Scots (3,43.8); 3. Rajputana Ristes (3.45); 4, 8th Heavy Regt 5, 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. Second heat; 1, Middiesex (3.45.6); 2, Small Units (3.45.8); 3, 1, Rajputana Rifles (39 ft. 10 ins) (20 ft. 9

ft. 6 ins.); 3, Middlesex (10 ft. 5 ins.); 4, 71/2 ins.); 7. Kumaon Rifles (38 ft. 5 ins.); Heavy Regt. (16 mins. 4: 4/5 secs.).

Throwing The Javolin (Final) (Bost of two | H.K.S.R.A. and Rajputana Rifles (10 ft. 3 ins.); 6, Small Units (10 ft.); 7, 12th Heavy Regt. R.A. (9 ft. 11 ins); B, Royal Scots (9 ft. 8 ins.); 9, Kumaon Rifles (9 ft. 6 ins.).

480 Yards Low Hurdies:-12th Heavy Regt. (1.17.2), Royal Scots (1.15.2), 8th Henvy Regt. (1.15) and 5th A.A. Regt. 180-Ston Tug-of-war (Semi-Finals):-12th Mile Relayt-First heat, 1, 12th Heavy (1.21.4) have qualified for the finals; the other team having been disqualified.

Long Jump Final (Best of two jumps):ins, and 20 ft. 9-ins); 2, H.K.S.R.A. (39 ft. 3 ins.); 3, Royal Scots (39 ft. 1 in.); 4; Three Miles Team Race Final:-1, Raj-12th Heavy Regt. (1.37.8); 2, Rajputana High Jump Final (Best of two jumps); Middlesex (38 ft. 1014 lns); 5, 5th A.A. Regt. putana Rifles (16 mins, 2 secs.); 2, 8th



8, Kumaon Rifles (85 ft. 714 ins). Best individual jump, 12th Heavy Regt. 20 ft. 11.

Polo Vault Final (Best of two jumps) :--1, H.K.S.R.A. (18 ft. 10 ins); 2, Rajputana Rifles (18 ft. 1: in.); 3, Middlesex (17 ft. 7 ins.); 4, 8th Heavy Regt. (16 ft. 7 ins); 5, Royal Scots (16 ft. 4 ins); 6, 12th Heavy Regt. (15 ft. 4 ins.); 7, 5th A.A. Regt. (15. ft: 1 in:). "



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LATE NEWS

# VIOLENT FIGHTING NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Stockholm, To-day. The "Aftonbladet" reports that the

Allied troops are constantly receiving reinforcements which are disembark-

ing at Andalsnes.

In the Lillehammer district, where the Allied troops have been considerably strengthened, the total expeditionary force is believed to be at least 7,000.

Viclent fighting is going on in the region of Steinkjer.—Havas.

#### Steinkjer Razed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") London, To-day.

It is reliably learned that the town of Steinkjer has been completely razed as a result of constant German bombing, but the Allies are maintaining their postions around the town despite violent German counter-attacks aiming to break the Allies encircling move before it is too late.

The Allied troops are constantly increasing with new landings at Namsos and Andalsnes, while the British antiaircraft defences are being gradually

strengthened.—Havas.

#### Action Dying Down?

London, To-day. According to the correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Allehanda" at Grong, the fierce fighting between the Allies and the Germans in the Steinkjer sector has died down.

homeless.

The Norwegian Chief of Staff told Reuter.

# NORWEGIAN IN FIGHT ON SHIP

FIGHT BETWEEN A NOR-WEGIAN AND A CHINESE ON BOARD A SHIP IN HARBOUR TUESDAY AFTERNOON, RESULT-ING IN THE CHINESE GOING TO KOWLOON HOSPITAL, WAS MEN-TIONED BY DET.-SGT. A. A. SHAW THIS MORNING, WHEN BEFORE MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN, THEY WERE CHARGED WITH DISORDER-LY CONDUCT.

They were Sung Shek, 38, mess boy, and L. Hage, 23, third engineer. Both pleaded guilty and were placed on a \$30 bond to keep the peace.

It was stated that Hage had been discharged and Sung Shek had resigned.

They were alleged to have fought with beer bottles after quarreling over the price of a bottle of beer.

Sung was alleged to have picked up a chopper with the intent to attack Hage, but was disarmed by the Chief Officer, who summoned the po-

On arrival, the police found Sung convered with blood. Hage had gone ashore.

the correspondent that the German advance in the Steinkjer sector was not great and there is no immediate danger to the Allies.-Reuter.

#### **Out In Time**

Stockholm, To-day. According to frontier reports, the Steinkjer has been entirely des- British field headquarters at Steinktroyed and its 6,000 inhabitants are jer were hastily evacuated just before Nazi planes razed the town. -

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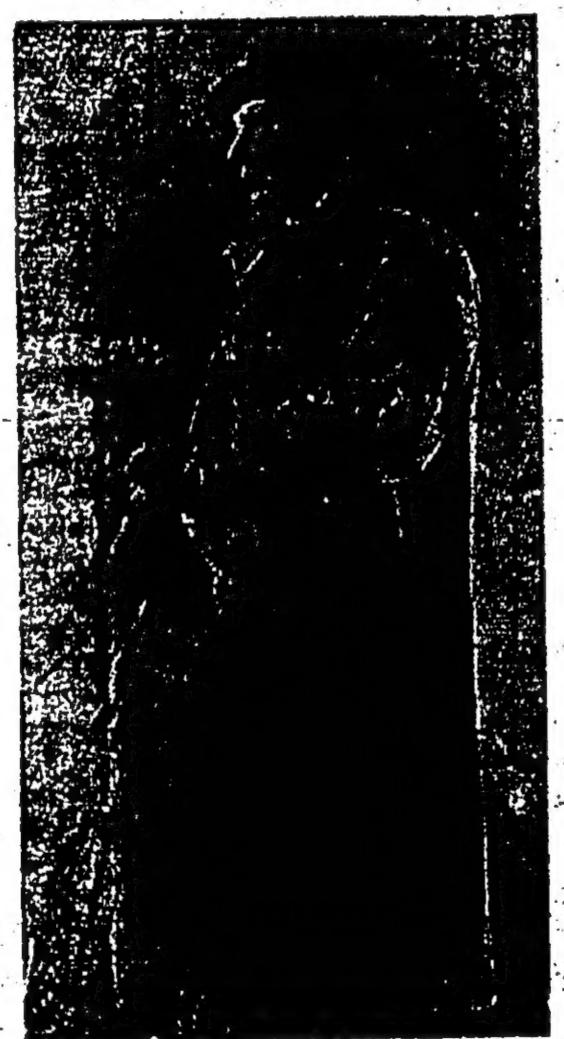
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The view is expressed that it may be a long and hard task but the belief in ultimate victory remains

unshaken.

Note is taken of the fact that u strong German counter-attack in the Trondheim sector has been repulsed and the situation re-established. Satisfaction is equally expressed at the far-reaching exploits of the R.A.F. which have carried out the biggest series of night raids on enemy aerodromes since the war began.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes: We have every reason to be satisfied with the speed and daring of the campaign and its results. The campaign is still only in the

early stages. The Allies have been racing to frustrate German plans, and so

far they are ahead.

Command of the sea has been brilliantly used to make landings over a long stretch of coast. The persistence and energy of our bombing have restricted the capacity of the German air force.

The German troops rely on air strength to obtain success. One of the first objectives of our forces must be to establish bases in Norway from which bombers and fighters can deal with the German forces faithfully.

The "Daily Express" assures its readers that Hitler will be faced with failure in Scandinavia.

The "News Chronicle" says Britain's bombers are warming things up for Hitler's air bases.

The "Daily Mail" declares the R.A.F. has carried out the greatest raids of the war.

The "Manchester Guardian" thinks we must be prepared for a long and hard task in Norway. On ... the whole we have good cause for satisfaction. We have also managed to entrench ourselves in Norway and, unlike the enemy, we have a fleet at our back. For the first time Germany has found something hard to take, and while the legend of invincibility fades, her supplies of oil and petrol are also being consumed.—Reuter.

When the "Bill to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932," providing for penalties for indiscriminate spitting, came before Legislative Council this afternoon, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, supporting the bill, said that as regards spitting being a major cause of tuberculosis, he was not competent to speak, but that this "thoroughly disgusting habit" may be a contributory cause and should be eradicated was obvious.

It was obvious that intensive propaganda was necessary to form a background of knowledge before spitting could be eradicated; at the same time, legislation was necessary in cases where, for instance, a police officer or sanitary inspector drew attention; to an offence and met with a crude retort to mind his own business.

With regard to statements in the local. press about the reactionary attitude of Chinese to anti-spitting measures, had the permission of the S.C.A. to disclose that at a meeting of the District Watch Committee the measure was unanimously approved. Mr. Lo hoped that the bill would speedily enable them to achieve the results hoped for.

## LORRY FATALITY

Knocked down by a lorry in Kilung Street yesterday, a. 15-year-old Chinese printed under any olroumstances, either boy, Lai Kui, suffered a fractured skull wholly or in part, without prior arrangeand was killed on the spot. The police ment. are investigating.

London, To-day.

An estimate of Germany's position in the Baltic is given by the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent, George Steer, w'10 was recently in Stockholm.

He writes: After two or three crucial months, and as the result of the battles of the fjords, the naval balance of power in the Baltic has shifted against Germany and in favour of Sweden.

The German navy, built for no other purpose than to dominate the Baltic, is no longer mistress of that sea. Germany can no longer support with naval power an invasion of Sweden.

If the surviving German cruisers are drafted, along with Germany's intact battleship, to form a battle fleet, its total weight in guns is six 11-inch, eight 8-inch and 17 5.9 inch, against the 12 11-inch, and 20 6-inch guns of Sweden.

Moreover, what is left of the German fleet is needed to escort supplies to Norway.—Reuter.

London, To-day. The Balkan countries are on the alert, writes the "Daily Telegraph" Balkans correspondent. The feeling of imminent peril has developed out of the general uneasiness which has prevailed in past weeks. There are no definite facts to account for this sudden development but it exists. The insolent German press attacks on Swedish policy are thought perhaps to herald a new move by Germany or Russia or perhaps by both. The question is being asked whether the Balkans might not become involved either simultaneously or immediately afterwards. Puzzling feature of the situation is that Russia is known to be digging vigorously on her side of the Dniester, which is the boundary between Rumanian Bessarabla and Soviet Ukraine. Materials, presumably for new fortifications, are being rushed by the Russians to the Rumanian frontier by day and night. No civilians are allowed access to the frontier area. Reuter.

"The Bill to impose war taxes and to regulate their collection" came before the Legislative Council this afternoon and was read for a third time and passed.

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